

**FIN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

UMAR BURLEY, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEP'T, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Case No. SAG-18-1743

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ORDER

Today, March 4, 2020, this Court held a hearing on Plaintiffs' Motion to Compel and for Sanctions, ECF 82. For the reasons stated on the record, it is, this 4th day of March, 2020, hereby **ORDERED** that Plaintiffs' Motion is **GRANTED IN PART** and **DENIED IN PART**. Defendants Ryan Guinn, Keith Gladstone, Richard Willard, William Knoerlein, and Michael Fries (collectively, for the purposes of this Order, "Defendants"¹) shall propound complete responses to all of Plaintiffs' Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents **by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2020**. If Defendants comply with this deadline, the Court will DENY Plaintiffs' request that Defendants be sanctioned in the form of a concession of liability. If Defendants do not comply, however, then the Court will reconsider its position on sanctions.

It is further ORDERED that, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37(a)(5), Plaintiffs will be AWARDED reasonable attorneys' fees incurred as a result of filing their Motion to Compel. Plaintiffs' counsel is DIRECTED to file an amended Statement of Fees that provides a particularized billing of the costs incurred in litigating their Motion to Compel, but must exclude

¹ The Baltimore Police Department is also a Defendant, but has appealed the Court's previous ruling on the Motion to Dismiss. *See* ECF 57 (Notice of Interlocutory Appeal).

from their computation the costs incurred in propounding their discovery requests. Upon Plaintiffs' filing of their amended Statement of Fees, Defendants SHALL FILE an opposition within fourteen (14) days.

/s/
Stephanie A. Gallagher
United States District Judge